WHEN AN "ARMY OF CLERKS" START TO FIGHT Piano

Which Expresses the Spirit of Those Former Civilians Now in the Field for England

The writer of the following diary letter was a London clerk till the war began. What he says expresses the spirit of the "army of clerks" now fighting for England. He has three brothers in the military service.

St. NAZAIRE, France, Sept. 39. tunity of writing you a letter, I am constantly interrupted and time

is limited. into a Red Cross corps and was really fortunate in coming with the force so soon after the declaration of war. We left London on Friday morning, August 28, and after loading forty tons of stores and equipment into the special train we left Waterloo Station at 12:20, arriving at Southampton during the afternoon.

At 5 o'clock we embarked on the troopship and arrived at Havre about 2 o'clock the following morning. There we disembark and took up our quarters in the enormous dock shed of the Hamburg-American company on the Quai Marseilles. We stayed in that shed until the following Thursday, September 3, when we embarked, and leaving Havre at nightfall we arrived at St. Nazaire on the following Saturday morning, and we have been working here ever since.

shall never forget the night on the troopship going across the Channel. It was a calm moonlit night and one could scarcely imagine that Eng-land was at war until the destroyers came up to see who we were and the big warships signalled to us across the water. All the passengers on the boats coming up Southampton Water gave us a great cheer and the steamers' sirens fairly screamed at us. Our boat was uncomfortably crowded

and it was a dirty cargo tramp steamer. so that we were glad that the journey was so short. The boat carried principally Irish reservists and a battery of artillery. Havre was then the British base and there was a constant coming and going of troopships bringing troops, stores, ordnance and horses. As we landed the heavy batteries of artillery were being sent up from Havre to the front. They had been quartering horses and guns in the shed where we bivouacked, so you can imagine what it was like, 120 of us in all sleep-ing on the rough cobble paving of the floor in all our clothes, with a couple of rough blankets and with the noise of the hundreds of troops around us and all the thousand noises of the docks! No leave was granted, and I did not leave the shed and yard for the whole

There were some hundreds of French marines quartered in some long sheds behind us. They were badly fed and housed and an unshaven, unkempt crowd altogether.

Tuesday we heard rumors that Rouen was being evacuated in advance of the great retreat after the fall of Namur. The same afternoon 4,000 Belgian troops, hot, dusty and footsore, poured along the road outside our shed. They come from Namur with German hosts hot on their heels. They were in an exhausted condition, but seemed relieved to have reached a port and a safe place.

the first night crammed in a cattle pen. the accommodations were such that we The loading commenced at 3 P. M. and could not have kept healthy much I spent several hours right down in the hold, hauling the bales and cases and was half stripped and as grimy as a trols steaming along the coast.

longer. We were stopped once by a

War Experience of a London Clerk, was a large cattle boat and into her they put 2.700 troops and 700 horses, 300 of the horses being wounded! We slept of the horses being wounded! We slept of the horses being wounded! We slept awful. The boat had been overcrowded; British Soldiers Always Whistle or Sing Which Expresses the Spirit of the horses being wounded! We slept awful. The boat had been overcrowded; While Marching and American Rag-While Marching and American Ragtime Pieces are Great Favorites... Life on a Troopship

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St. Nazaire, France, Sept. 30.

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When Heroism Grows

stunts in the making of photoplays until I really feel I sone," said a member of a film companies. "Of course, all have heard the old st of the actors who say they feel the selves to be a certain character been they have played the part so long, but where is there an action of the indeed

stage that equals that of the great stag-

"For instance, a man may say he for

of nature, in the broad open?

he is Othello, or Macbeth, or Romeo, b which accounts for the port the filusion-or delusion? Now where are the trimming Our men got it up themselves and photoplays that have a cow by environ

had to take a few chances with a hous-"Marseillaise" and the Russian national anthem and "God Save the King." had to take a few chances with a house anthem and "God Save the King." During the first two weeks of our chances, but enough to give the b

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fluenced accordingly. "You take the Indian They get nearer to anything ever seen on the indoor stage hardly a man engaged in a W drama who does not feel the ness that accompanies fall belly along tangled undergre

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because we go to the real pla-One thing the narrator de My older brother is in the Scots Greys, a Scotch cavalry regiment. My next the use of genuine money in artificial currency.

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The nightmare of the Kaiser.

is by troop train it will probably take scarcely realized that the country would from three to four days, and I will if so soon call for every available man. possible write some more in the train.

mics and Germans have all been taken duty for four hours—a lonely job, just the small hours of the morning we the racing barse the air was a in and as soon as they are fit enough to travel they are sent to England by eye open for intruders and occasionally their steady tread interrupted only

first aid and dress hundreds of others unloading the guns ings and are then put into the rough from the ships' holds, and bringing the Red Cross trains and sent to the big

and moved from flavor and that for a few weeks at least we rather tame one. I am orderly to our chair. Great numbers came from a pretty fast. I could always fide a neighboring camp and many of the

I joined the corps, perhaps hastily, OCTOBER 2. but, I can honestly say, from a clear I was suddenly interrupted last sense of duty; yet now when I see men Wednesday and must continue on to- who are married and who have families day, Friday, as best I can. We have re- taking the risks in the fighting. I canceived orders to leave here at once and not help thinking that I, who have no shall start packing tents, marquees and one immediately dependent on me. stores. We do not know whether we should perhaps have joined a fighting are going by sea or by rail. Either corps. I must confess, however, that journey will be uncomfortable, but if it at the time of joining this corps I

During our three weeks stay here the hospital has treated over 700 cases, including the son of the Viceroy of India of the orderly tent and it is now 7 and several titled officers. British Tompital ships.

looking after the horses which are occasionally by the trot of the lancers' tethered up among a little clump of pine or hussars' horses. Our men always that the playwright says is scene I saw as we left Havre on Septrees near by. We are about 100 yards sing or whistle on the march. Sometimes tember 3. As our troopship was slowly from the Loire. There is a full moon steaming out of the docks, at the entrance we passed the United States bat-tle cruiser Tennessee crowded with have had cloudless blue skies and really rary." To-day I heard the men march-Americans returning home. Our boat hot weather. The moonlight makes a

presence of a piano on active service. from the ships' holds, and bringing the horses and wagons along the long quays!

We then learned that the army base had moved from Havre to St. Nazaire had moved from Havre to St. Nazaire had moved from the ships' holds, and bringing the hospitals at the various bases.

When you speak of the dangers and from the town. Lady Dudley, wife of the ex-Governor of Australia and lady superintendent of our hospital, took the same had to do a lot side by side with the ex-Governor of Australia and lady superintendent of our hospital, took the same from the town. It have had to do a lot side by side with the ex-Governor of Australia and lady superintendent of our hospital, took the long throughout the ex-Governor of Australia and lady superintendent of our hospital, took the long throughout the ex-Governor of Australia and lady superintendent of our hospital, took the long throughout the ex-Governor of Australia and lady superintendent of our hospital, took the long throughout the ex-Governor of Australia and lady superintendent of our hospital, took the long throughout the long throughout the long throughout the long throughout the long through the long t should act as a base hospital. As soon commanding officer. Any work there as our hospitals were ready we received 200 British wounded from the Red Cross trains, which had taken four days on to camps, hospitals and offices around to camps, hospitals are camps, hospitals and offices around to camps, hospitals are camps, hospitals and offices around to camps, hospitals are camps, hospitals and offices around to camps, hospitals are camps, hospitals and offices around to camps, hospitals are camps, hospitals and offices around to camps, hospitals are camps are camps and many of the townspeople too. Our commanding officer from the base camps, hospitals are camps are affair. We had songs and recitations, had to learn how to make a pretty to and then Lady Dudley sang "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory of the Coming of the Lord." We all sang the chorus together, flually concluding with the lady by the Lord. The lady by the Lord of the Lord o

During the first two weeks of our stay here the reenforcing troops simply poured into this town, and after resting and refreshing in the local camps left for the front. Never shall I forget the week when, night, after night, I lay the week when, night after night. I lay During our three weeks stay here the ospital has treated over 700 cases, in
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> You can't imagine very well what this thrilling moments. war is to France. Widows are plentiful, tirely different. When you a A lady told a friend of mine here that the Indian who trails his for she had lost her only three brothers, the forest, why, man alive, you all of whom were married. That is one Indian. You have to craw of thousands of similar cases.

France is fighting for her very exist- through bushes and briars. W see as a nation. Belgium has fought conceal yourself it is in a re desperately against the greatest armies place, not one preposterously ever put into the heid by a solidation, and all for a principle and her nadistillers who have Uncle Sam tional liberty.

If Prussian militarism were to win, men after them. I've felt think what it would involve. You have I've crawled right inside a read of what England has done, and the would have made an ideal wonderful response of a now united na- site or for that matter may tion to the challenge of Germany's ag- one. There was the real par

Shortly before I left I went to the give the actors a feeling of reevensong one Sunday at Westminster the indoor stage cannot. Abbey. It was a lovely August evening outdoor or street scenes of and war had just been declared. I had real street is used. This bea seat in the choir and I saw Mr. As- up street scene a million was quith enter. He sat directly opposite house entrances-why, when me, just among us common people, tak- and depart from a real house ing part in the prayers and hymns with gether different from the inus, as one of us, and the scene was house. The interiors of office significant of a great deal. I shall never lors and prisons have the same

younger brother is in an infantry regi- the stage variety. This happe ment at Aldershot. Sister helps with in a while because it was h the secretarial work of a foreign legion; make temporary use of a real her flance is with the expeditionary to hunt for the bogus one force in France or Belgium, a wireless actor using it never enthused. ngineer in the Royal Engineers. Mother to be returned at once the same billets a soldier at home.



The repast of Attila II.

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